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INFORMATION REPORT

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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY Albania REPORT NO. 25X ISDBJECT New Arms and Materiel DATE DISTR. 26 February 1953 Shipments of Cement 25X1A and Reinforcing Iron NO. OF PAGES DATE OF INFO. REQUIREMENT NO. PLACE ACQUIRED REFERENCES 25X1X

- 1. Trains carrying steel turrets were seen departing from Tirana for the Yugoslav frontier between 10 and 20 November 1952. The turrets were made by the Karol factories in Polish Silesia and were then shipped to Albania by sea. They are to be used to protect armored machine gun nests and antitank guns.
- 2. Since early December 1952, the island of Saseno has been equipped with automatic AA batteries manufactured by the Stalowa Wola factory in Poland. Radar equipment accompanies the guns, which are stated to be 150 mml. Only special alert batteries are equipped with these guns, however, the remainder being equipped with ordinary AA guns². Ammunition for these weapons reportedly comes from Czechoslovakia and Poland.
- 3. Large quantities of cement and iron for reinforcement of concrete are being shipped to Albania from the Polish factories of Ferrum, near Krakow and the Wierzbica, near Radom.

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